

House Study Bill 602 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE _____

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON
NATURAL RESOURCES BILL BY
CHAIRPERSON JENEARY)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to trapping by persons under the age of
2 sixteen.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 483A.24, subsection 8, Code 2024, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 8. A person under sixteen years of age is not required to
4 have a hunting license to hunt game or a fur harvester license
5 to trap fur-bearing animals if accompanied by the minor's
6 parent or guardian or in company with any other competent adult
7 with the consent of the minor's parent or guardian, if the
8 person accompanying the minor possesses a valid hunting license
9 while hunting game or fur harvester license while trapping
10 fur-bearing animals; however, there must be one licensed adult
11 accompanying each person under sixteen years of age. The minor
12 must have a deer hunting license to hunt deer and a wild turkey
13 hunting license to hunt wild turkey appropriate for the minor's
14 residency status. This subsection is not restricted by the
15 provisions of section 483A.31.

16 EXPLANATION

17 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
18 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

19 This Act relates to trapping fur-bearing animals by persons
20 under 16 years of age.

21 Under current law, a person under 16 years old is not
22 required to have a license to hunt game if the minor is
23 accompanied by the minor's parent, guardian, or other competent
24 adult with consent from the minor's parent or guardian and the
25 person accompanying the minor has a valid hunting license.
26 The bill allows a person under 16 years of age to also trap
27 fur-bearing animals without a license while accompanied by the
28 minor's parent, guardian, or other competent adult with consent
29 from the minor's parent or guardian and the person accompanying
30 the minor has a valid fur harvester license. There must be one
31 licensed adult accompanying each person under the age of 16
32 trapping pursuant to the bill.